

his kneeling and weeping followers the scene must have been such as we read of in olden days at the opening of the shrine of some loved Saint. The body was placed in three coffins, the outer one of lead, and then in a fourth, brought from France, a magnificent one of ebony.

At three o'clock the coffin was placed on a car drawn by four horses and covered by an imperial pall with golden eagles and bees. The corners of the pall were held by Generals Bertram! and Gourgaud and the young Las Cases and Marchand, who must have then been repaid for the devotion which had first taken them to St. Helena. The procession began to move at half-past three in heavy rain, the batteries of the *Belle Poule* and of the island tiring minute guns, and the English garrison with reversed arms lining the street through which it passed. On the Qaay the Governor, General Middlemore, handed the body formally over to the French. The Prince de Joinville received the body on the *Belle Poule*, where it was placed in a *Chapelle ardente*, while the imperial standard flew from the main.

On the, 18th of October the expedition sailed for France. The journey was uneventful, being only broken by rumors of a breach between England and France, when the Prince, with perhaps natural but to English minds somewhat theatrical emotion, made his sailors swear never to deliver the precious relics to the English.

On the 29th of November, 1840, the *Belle Poule* anchored at Cherbourg, and the next day it entered the basin amongst the salutes of the forts and ships. On the 8th of December the coffin was transferred to the steamer *Nbrmandie*, a thousand guns being fired when the body left the *Belle Poule* and another thousand when the *Normandie* left the